

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 24, and 35 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

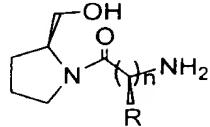
Please add new claims 83-110 as follows:

--83. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the subject is a human being.--

--84. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the agent is an activated nucleophile, and is further characterized by the presence within the agent of an electrophile and chirality complementary to a bacterial cell wall depsipeptide.--

--85. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the agent is represented by the formula S-Pro-Cn.--

--86. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the agent has the structure:



wherein n is an integer from 1 to 6 inclusive and R is hydrogen or a C₁ to C₆ straight chain or branched alkyl group.--

--87. (New) The method of claim 42, where the agent catalytically cleaves said ester bond.--

--88. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein said ester bond is present in the structure D-Ala-D-Lac.--

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Prior --89. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the agent is administered prior to administering the glycopeptide antibiotic.--

--90. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein the agent is administered a sufficient period of time prior to administering the glycopeptide antibiotic to permit cleavage of said ester bond to be effected.--

--91. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the agent and the glycopeptide antibiotic are administered simultaneously.--

--92. (New) The method of claim 91, wherein the agent is covalently attached to the glycopeptide antibiotic.--

--93. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are Staphylococcus bacteria.--

--94. (New) The method of claim 93, wherein the bacteria are S. aureus bacteria.--

--95. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are Enterococcus bacteria.--

--96. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are Streptococcus bacteria.--

--97. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are Leuconostoc bacteria.--

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D (c) 98. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are Pediococcus bacteria.--

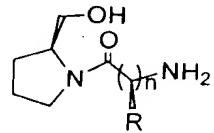
--99. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are Lactobacillus bacteria.--

--100. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are Erysipelothrix bacteria.--

Q 101. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the agent is an activated nucleophile, and is further characterized by the presence within the agent of an electrophile and chirality complementary to a bacterial cell wall depsipeptide.--

--102. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the agent is represented by the formula S-Pro-Cn.--

--103. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the agent has the structure:



wherein n is an integer from 1 to 6 inclusive and R is hydrogen or a C₁ to C₆ straight chain or branched alkyl group.--

--104. (New) The method of claim 61, where the agent catalytically cleaves said ester bond.--